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RUSSIAN SECOND SECRETARY OF ESTONIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DISMISSED;
ESTONIANS NAMED TO PARTY, GOVERNMENT POSTS

One of the most powerful men in Soviet Estonia, Second Secretary of the Communist Party Vasilii Kosov, a Russian, has recently been quietly dismissed from his post. At the recent plenum of the Central Committee, an Estonian, Endel Jaanimägi, was elected the new secretary [the Russian form of Jaanimägi, is, transliterated, Yanimvagi]. This is now the first time since the Soviet occupation began in 1940 that all three secretaries of the Estonian Communist Party have been Estonians. The other two, Ivan Käbin [transliterated Kebin] and Leonid Lentsman, obtained their political education in the USSR, however.

A second dismissal, which has attracted some attention, concerns the Estonian Minister for Local Industry and the Shale and Chemical Industry, Nikolay Krylov, also a Russian. Appointed in his place is the former vice-minister, Oskar Saar, an Estonian. Krylov is the third Russian to be dismissed from the puppet Estonian government in the last 2 months. Presumably, the dismissals are a part of Moscow's efforts to diminish the national antagonism between Estonians and Russians.

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